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HIROYUKI SHINBATA ) Examiner: Not Yet Known  
Application No.: 09/873,340 ) Group Art Unit: Not Yet Known  
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For: IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD, )  
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

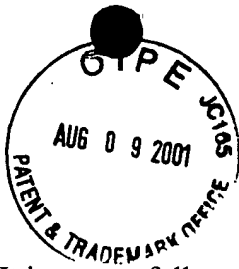
In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

U.S. patent 5,954,796 is an English language counterpart of cited Japanest patent document JP 10243020.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Applications:

<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>FILING DATE</u>	<u>GROUP ART UNIT</u>
09/405,175	09/24/99	2721
09/405,176	09/24/99	2876

A copy of each cited Application is enclosed.



CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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